



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the City Attorney

Date: December 5, 2014
To: Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Subject: Ethics Officer Report Pursuant to Minneapolis City Ordinance § 15.40(b)(4)
Recommendation: That the Committee receive and file this report.

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Approved by: _____
Susan Segal
City Attorney

Presenters in Committee: Gene Ranieri, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Report:

Minneapolis Code of Ethics, Section 15.40(b)(4) requires that the Ethics Officer report to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee the projects, if any, that create a professional conflict of interest for the City's proposed lobbyists. The Ethics Ordinance, § 15.40(b)(4) defines professional conflict of interest as "a situation where the interest of a principal of the lobbyist are or may be adverse to the interests of the city."

The Intergovernmental Relations Department (IGR) has informed the Ethics Officer of the intention to enter into a lobbying contract for the 2015 Minnesota legislative session with Kevin Goodno of Fredrikson, Bryon, P.A.. Mr. Goodno supplied a list of principals for whom the lobbyist's firm was expected to provide lobbying services. For each principal, a list of expected lobbying projects was provided and is attached to this report.

Both IGR and the Ethics Officer reviewed the list of principals and lobbying issues for professional conflict of interest. At this time we found no situations where the interests of the City may be adverse to those of the current principals of Fredrikson, Byron, P.A. Each lobbyist entering a contract with the City for lobbying services is required by Code of Ethics, § 15.40(b)(4) to update their list of principals and lobbying issues whenever there is a change. IGR will continue to monitor the potential for conflicts through the length of the contract.

FREDRIKSON, BRYON 2015 CLIENT LIST PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS:

3B Group, Inc.: Remote Pharmacy laws

AAA Minneapolis: Transportation Safety Issues

Alliance Pipeline Inc: Pipeline issues

American Coatings Association: Paint Stewardship issues

Animal Ark: Animal Protection issues

Apple Tree Dental: Dental Issues

Autism Opportunities Foundation d/b/a MN Autism Center (fka FEAT): Children's Autism Services

Body Stars, Inc: Body Piercing laws

Drexel Hamilton, LLC: Work related to veterans preferences for state financing

Epilepsy Foundation of MN: Epilepsy issues

Enbridge Energy Company: Pipeline issues

Eventide Lutheran Home: Nursing Home rate issues

Family Housing Fund of Minneapolis & St Paul: Affordable Housing and related issues impacting low income Minnesotans.

Farm in the Dell of the Red River Valley: Assistance in developing services for individuals with disabilities in rural setting

Geronimo Wind Energy: Wind Energy Policy

Gevo Inc: Alternative Fuel Development

Greater MN Housing Fund: Affordable Housing and related issues impacting low income Minnesotans

International Education Center: Education Funding

Ka Joog Nonprofit Corporation: Funding for public safety, workforce development and education programs.

Mental Health Providers Assn of MN: Mental Health Issues especially concerning community services

Missouri River Energy Services: Utility Tax Issues

MN Assn of Independent Schools: Issues impacting Private Schools in the K12 system

MN Chiropractic Assn : Chiropractic Issues

MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust: Insurance Issues

MN Habilitation Coalition: Issues related to day/employment services for people with disabilities

MN HomeCare Assn: Issues related to home health care providers

MN Optometric Assn: Optometric issues

MN Self Insurance Group Inc: Workers Compensation policy issues

Moorhead, City of: Border City Zone tax issues—specific to Moorhead and the border city program

Parent Awareness for School Readiness: Early Education and Child Care issues

The Pew Charitable Trusts: Economic Development Incentive Effectiveness Tools

Perpich Center for Arts Education Foundation: Funding and governance issues within K12 system

REACH for Resources Inc: Advocacy for services for people with developmental disability at the state and local level.

Reproductive Health Alliance (fka MN SAFPLAN): Family planning issues

USAgain, LLC: Recycling Policies for clothes

Vail Resorts: General Business issues

Wal-Mart Stores Inc : General business issues and work on community siting of new stores.